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1. SUMMARY. DURING SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE DELEGATION' S MEETING WITH FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK AND PRIME MINISTER JAROSZEWICZ ON APRIL 25, GIEREK BRIEFLY RAISED MATTER OF POLAND' S POSITION AS MEMBER OF ICCS, ASKING FOR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE VERY DIFFICULT TASK OF WHICH SUCH A ROLE ENTAILED. HE SAID POLAND HAD AGREED TO BECOME ICCS MEMBER, ON REQUEST OF U. S. AND DEOMCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, AS CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE IN VIETNAM. WITHOUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE POSTPONEMENT OF POLISH MINISTERIAL VISITS TO U. S. (REFTEL), GIEREK REQUESTED THAT POLAND' S PARTICIPATION IN THIS INTERNATIONAL EFFORT NOT BE LINKED WITH FURTHER PROGRESS IN US- POLISH BILATERAL RELATIONS. TO SENATOR KARTKE' S TENTATIVE
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SUGGESTION THAT THIS SUBJECT COULD BE DIKUSSED LATER AT
A MEETING BETWEEN HIM AND THE AMBASSADOR, GIEREK
TENTATIVELY AGREED. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING THE 90 - MINUTE MEETING ON APRIL 25 (BEING
REPORTED BY SEPTEL) WITH VISITING SENATE COMMERCE
COMMITTEE DELEGATION (CODEL HARTKE), GIEREK DEVOTED
MOST OF HIS HALF- HOUR OPENING STATEMENT TO THE SIGNIFICATN
IMPORVEMENTS ACHIEVED IN US- POLISH RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY
IN THE TRADE AND ECOMOMIC AREA, SINCE PRESIDENT NIXON' S
VISIT AND TO POLAND' S DESIRE FOR RAPID FURTHER DEVELOPMENT
OF SUCH RELATIONS. GIEREK NOTED THAT WHILE SOME QUESTIONS
STILL EXIST WHICH MAY POSE OBSTACLES TO FURTHER EXPANSION
OF ECOMOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS, THEY SHOULD NOT BE DIF-
FICULT TO OVERCOME. THIS WAS, HE SAID, A TIME OF DETENTE,
A POLICY WHICH IS BEING PURSUED BY THE USSR AND THE U. S.
ALIKE, AND VARIOUS AGREEMENTS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN
THOSE TWO COUNTRIES TESTIFIED TO THE NEED FOR POLAND TO
FIND ITS PROPER PLACE IN A WORLD OF DETENTE AND COOPERATION.

3. GIEREK INDICATED THERE WAS ONE
POINT HE WISHED TO NOTE BREIFLY IN THIS CONTEXT. WHILE HE
DID NOT WISH TO GO INTO DETAILS WITH THE SENATORS, THE AMBASSADOR
WAS FULLY INFORMED ON THE MATTER . POLAND, GIEREK
SAID, WELCOMED THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE PEACE
AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM, AN EVENT WHICH NATURALLY HAD
IMPROVED THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE. POLAND HAD
AGREED TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ICCS ON THE REQUEST
OF THE U. S. AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THIS
WAS POLAND' S CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE IN VIETNAM. IT
MUST BE REALIZED, GIEREK SAID, THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES
ENCOUNTERED BY POLAND IN ITS EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT ITS
ROLE ON THE ICCS ARE OFTEN VERY DIFFICULT. THE WAR,
OF COURSE, HAD LASTED VERY LONG AND EMOTIONS ON BOTH
SIDES IN VIETNAM WERE STILL HIGHLY CHARGED. SOMETIMES
IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND THE TRUTH IN A GIVEN
SITUATION THERE. SOMETIMES, EVEN IF WE ARE AWARE OF
THE TRUTH, IT CONNOT BE DISCLOSED FULLY; IT MIGHT
DAMAGE ONE OR THE OTHER SIDE.

4. ASKING THAT MODERATION AND COMMON SENSE BE APPLIED,
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GIEREK SAID THAT ONLY IF ALL PARTIES ACT WITH RESTRAINT
CAN WE AVERT FURTHER ANTAGONISM. BY PARTICIPATING IN THE
ICCS, HE SAID, POLAND IS PERFORMING AN UNEASY, BUT IMPORTANT
DUTY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IN THE VIEW OF THE POLISH
LEADERSHIP, BILATERAL RELATIONS SHOULD NOT BE MADE DEPENDENT
ON ACTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANS.

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5. WHEN THE SENATORS GOT THE FLOOR, SENATOR HARTKE DEFERRED TO THE AMBASSADOR ON THIS POINT. GIEREK THEN INTERJECTED THAT HE HAD MENTIONED THE MATTER ONLY BECUASE IT WAS A CURRENT PROBLEM AND NOT BECAUSE THEY HAD ANY COMPLAINTS. THE PROBLEM WE ALL FACE WITH THIS ISSUE, GIEREK SAID, WAS THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO FIND A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD SATIFY EVERYONE. THEREFORE, HE SAID, HE WAS REQUESTING THAT THE U. S. NOT IMPOSE THIS ISSUE ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

6. IN RESPONSE, THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS CERTAIN THE FIRST SECRETARY WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE U. S. VIEW ON THIS PROBLEM, AS EXPRESSED IN OUR NOTE RELEASTED ON APRIL 24, A COPY OF WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AT THE OUTSET OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ICCS, WE HAD INDICATED OUR RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF POLAND' S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN IT. WE HAD ALSO RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT POLAND WOULD APPLY STRICT OBJECTIVITY AND IMPARTIALITY IN ITS ICCS ACTIONS. IT WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR DESIRE TO SEE THIS OBJECTIVITY APPLIED THAT WE HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THE QUESTION WITH THEM. GIEREK NODDED VIGOROUSLY AS AN INDICATION THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE POINT BEING MADE.

7. SENATOR HARTKE THEN INTERJECTED THAT THIS WAS A SUBJECT WHICH THE FIRST SECRETARY AND THE AMBASSADOR COULD PREHAPS MEET TO DISCUSS. WITH SOME HESITATIO N, GIEREK AGREED THAT THIS MIGHT BE ARRANGED.
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